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SUBJECT: NEW TURKISH AMBASSADOR TO YUGOSLAVIA

1. ON NOVEMBER 9, THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL GAZETTE CONFIRMED THE APPOINTMENT OF OGUZ GOKMEN AS AMBASSADOR TO YUGOSLAVIA.

2. AMBASSADOR GOKMEN WAS BORN IN MANISA, TURKEY IN 1916. HE IS A GRADUATE OF THE GALATASARAY LYCEE IN ISTANBUL, THE POLITICAL SCIENCE FACULTY OF ANKARA UNIVERSITY AND THE PARIS INTERNATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE. HE ENTERED THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1940 AND HAS SERVED ABROAD AS FIRST SECRETARY IN PARIS, FIRST SECRETARY IN BUENOS AIRES (SERVED AS CHARGE FROM 1950 TO 1953) AND COUNSELOR IN SOFIA. IN 1962 HE WAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA AND IN 1964 TO THE EEC AND THE AEC AS TURKISH DELEGATE. IN 1966 HE WAS ASSIGNED AS AMBASSADOR TO BONN. IN 1971 HE RETURNED TO ANKARA AND OCCUPIED THE POST OF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT TO BELGRADE.

3. AMBASSADOR GOKMEN WAS DIRECTOR OF THE COMMERCE AND COMMERCIAL AGREEMENTS DEPARTMENT AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AT THE TIME OF THE 1960 COUP. AFTER THE COUP, ALONGWITH OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS, GOKMEN WAS VERY CAREFULLY SCREENED AND HAD VERY LITTLE TO DO UNTIL

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HIS APPOINTMENT TO ARGENTINA. NO VALID CHARGES OF MISCONDUCT WERE

EVER PROVED AGAINST HIM AND HIS TWO YEARS ON THE SHELF APPARENTLY MEANT THAT HE HAD BEEN TOO CLOSE TO MENDERES' FOREIGN MINISTER.

4. AMBASSADOR GOKMEN IS MARRIED TO HURIYE, A FORMER TEACHER. THEY HAVE ONE GROWN DAUGHTER. GOKMEN SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH, FRENCH AND SPANISH. IN THE PAST HE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS SOMEWHAT OF A ROUGH DIAMOND--ABRUPT AND STRAIGHTFORWARD. OCCASIONALLY HE HAS A TENDENCY TO STUTTER.
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